

South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities
Minutes of Meeting – July 14, 2004

The SD Council on Developmental Disabilities met on July 14, 2004 via Dakota Digital Network sites in Pierre, Rapid City, Redfield and Sioux Falls.

Members Present

Travis Arneson	Michelle Powers
Vicki Day	David Scott
Robert Kean	Wanda Seiler
Grady Kickul	Heather Stettinichs
Lisa Lunstra	Kayla Tinker
Michael McRoden	Isabel Trobaugh
David Nissen	Ted Williams

Others Present

Edith Arneson	Nathan Miller
Beth Henrichsen	Arlene Poncelet

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Vice Chairperson David Nissen called the meeting to order. Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENCY & MINUTES

Robert Kean moved, seconded by Michelle Powers to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Wanda Seiler moved, seconded by David Scott, to approve the minutes from the following meetings: Council meeting of

April 16, 2004; Executive Committee meeting of May 26, 2004; Executive Committee meeting of June 24, 2004.
Motion carried.

Wanda Seiler moved, seconded by Isabel Trobaugh to ratify the following actions taken by the Executive Committee: CHAP, Inc. People First Conference, denied; Black Hills Workshop, Healthy Lifestyles (pedometers), approved \$500; Pathways, Education & Research to Develop New Programs for People with DD, approved \$4,978; and Sioux Vocational Services, Guardianship Training, approved \$5,000. Motion carried.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Arlene updated the group on the federal funds available for projects. There is approximately \$1200 of FFY03 funds and \$268,000 of FFY04 funds for a total of approximately \$269,000. FFY 2005 begins October 1, 2004, but it appears that a continuing resolution will be needed to continue funding until the final budget is passed by Congress.

Arlene attended the Administration on Developmental Disabilities Technical Assistance Institute in June and found the sessions very good and provided some insight on upcoming changes in reporting requirements for Councils. The National Association on Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) conference will be held in Lexington, Kentucky in early October. If any Council member is interested in attending, they should contact Arlene.

Arlene reported that the Council has been asked to sign a letter of support for the PLANS grant through the Division of

Developmental Disabilities. Grady Kickul moved, seconded by Robert Kean to approve this. Abstaining were Vikki Day, Travis Arneson, Wanda Seiler, Lisa Lunstra, Michelle Powers and Ted Williams. Motion carried. Public forums are being planned for the first week of August and all Council members are invited to attend.

STATE PLAN AMENDMENT

Robert Kean motioned, seconded by Michelle Powers, to approve the FFY 2005 proposed budget as presented and to have Arlene submit the necessary amendments to the State Plan including the budget and changes in Council Members. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION – SIOUX FALLS BUSINESS LEADERSHIP NETWORK

Mike Frost, Director for the Sioux Falls Business Leadership Network (SFBLN) presented to the group. The SFBLN works closely with the Division of Rehabilitation Services and local employers in the Sioux Falls area to promote and assist in the employment of people with disabilities. Some activities include a Discovery Career and Job Expo, Monthly Provider meetings, Ability Mentoring Day, Building Business Partnerships (compact disc of resources, success stories, etc. that will be provided to employers statewide), Fall Luncheon and Awards, and Always Welcome (customer service training).

GRANT APPLICATION – FRIENDS PROGRAM

Peg West, Project Director, Kelli Boelter, Friends Program participant, Karlene Boelter, parent, and Linda Hallstrom, Sioux Falls Community Education Program, presented to the

group. The goals of this program are to provide educational and recreational opportunities for adults with disabilities and to increase the number of adults with disabilities who participate in general community education courses.

Questions by Council members focused on the registration fee, types of classes, need for socialization opportunities and skill-building, how classes are chosen, and outreach to surrounding areas. It was suggested that past participants be surveyed to ask if they have participated in other learning experiences outside of the Friends program.

Wanda Seiler moved, seconded by Vikki Day to approve funding for the proposal entitled “Friends Program”.

Robert Kean moved, seconded by Lisa Lunstra, to amend the motion to include the requirement that Sioux Falls Community Education Program have in place a mechanism to waive the registration fee for a person with developmental disabilities if it prevents them from participating. Motion to amend carried, Seiler and Arneson voted no.

Original motion as amended carried, Seiler and Arneson voted no.

POLICY DISCUSSION – TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT & STIPENDS

Arlene provided some background for the proposed policy changes and Bylaw changes that were sent to Council Members. Council members provided additional changes be made and the policy will be brought to the Council for action at the September meeting. Arlene was requested to check with

the appropriate individuals regarding the wording of the stipend section (forfeit wages “and/or benefits”).

Amendments to the Bylaws require 10 days prior notice to the full Council. The revisions will be discussed and voted on at the September meeting.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDING (RFF)

- Partners, Year 13: Wanda Seiler moved, seconded by Isabel Trobaugh, to issue this RFF. Motion carried. Robert Kean Abstained.
- College of Direct Support, Year 2: Michelle Powers moved, seconded by Grady Kickul to issue this RFF. Wanda Seiler made a motion to amend the original motion to require performance indicators by which the success of program will be determined. Amendment seconded by Michelle Powers. The motion to amend carried. Abstaining were Wanda Seiler and Ted Williams. The original motion as amended carried. Wanda Seiler & Ted Williams abstained.
- Education & Training Mini-Grants for FFY05: Grady Kickul moved, seconded by Lisa Lunstra to issue this RFF. Motion carried.
- Housing: The group discussed the possibility of issuing an RFF in the area of housing. Robert Kean shared an update on the follow-up meeting that was held as a result of the April workshop on housing. Arlene will draft an RFF for discussion and possible issuance at the September meeting.
- Employment: This is an area that the Council has not issued an RFF for several years. The recommendation was

to wait and see what information is learned from the PLANS Public Forums to be held in August.

VOICE, YEAR 2 - BHSSC

Stacy Nemec and Cassie Stoesser presented to the group. The goal of this project is to empower students in middle school to become self-advocates. Schools involved in this first year of the project were Pierre, Ft. Pierre, Pierre Indian Learning Center and Willow Lake.

Discussion included how families were linked to the activities of the project, evaluation was more process-oriented than outcome-oriented, the budget increase, cost per student, is this curriculum duplicative of the Character Counts program that is available in most schools, objectives are difficult to measure.

Travis Arneson moved, seconded by David Scott to approve funding for the proposal entitled "VOICE". Motion failed with 13 voting no. Lisa Lunstra abstained.

NEXT MEETING DATE & PLACE

The Council tentatively set the next meeting date for September 14 & 15, 2004. A request was made for West River.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.